

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

Claims 1, 2, 25 and 28-30 are pending in this application. Claims 3-24, 26 and 27 have been cancelled. This action is in response to a phone interview held with applicants' attorney on March 19, 2010.

Withdrawn Rejections/Objections

Applicant is notified that any outstanding rejection/objection that is not expressly maintained in this office action has been withdrawn or rendered moot in view of applicant's amendments and/or remarks.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James V. Costigan on March 19, 2010. The application has been amended as follows:

- a) Deletion of the word, "general" from Claims 1 and 25.
- b) Insertion of the term "herbicidal" before the term "composition" in claims 25 and 28.
- c) Insertion of the phrase "an effective amount of" after the term "principle," in claim 25.
- d) Insertion of the term "and a non-phytotoxic carrier" between the terms "claim 1" and "." at the end of claim 25.

Conclusion

Claims 1, 2, 25 and 28-30 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey H. Murray, whose telephone number is 571-272-9023. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. 7:30-6pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. James O. Wilson can be reached at 571-272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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